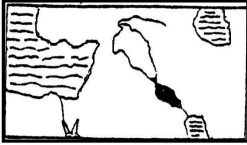


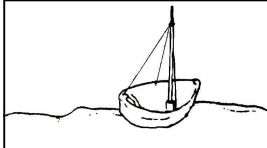
## Questions to Ask About a Culture

### 1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- Mesopotamia in Greek means “valley between rivers”
- Weather much the same as today, hot in the summer and cold in the winter, summer 40°C and winter 0°C

### 2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources
- (Timber, Stone, Minerals)
- Fertile land for crops

### 3. Religion and Philosophy



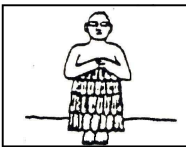
- Believed that only boys could go to scribe school
- They worshiped more than 300 deities
- Priests and priestesses handled the needs of gods and goddesses

### 4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Boys went to scribe school
- Writing developed in Mesopotamia
- Evolved in three different stages

### 5. Political Science



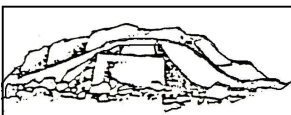
- Government– settled into city-states
- Uruk– Then most powerful city-state
- Strong city-states conquered and controlled weaker governments

### 6. Sociology



- Lived with families– mother, father, grandmothers, slaves
- Rich men got better things compared to a poor man
- Rich man got two story house and a poor man had a one story house.

### 7. History



- Referred to “cradle of civilization”
- First known civilizations found there
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest